

a first hardware upgrade, connected to receive the subscriber selections and audio signals that represent the audio programs, the first hardware upgrade comprising:

an interface to the terminal whereby the audio signals and subscriber selections may be received;

audio processing circuitry, connected to the interface, that processes the audio signals; and

an output, connected to the processing circuitry, that outputs a selected audio signal based on the subscriber selections.

32. (Once Amended) The terminal of claim 23 further comprising a display that indicates when the first hardware upgrade is in use.

33. (Once Amended) The terminal of claim 23 wherein the first hardware upgrade is remotely located from the terminal.

55. (Once Amended) The method of claim [54 wherein the remote control unit comprises a display, the method] 45 further comprising the step of:  
displaying a channel identifier corresponding to a subscriber selection [on the display].

Please add the following new claims 98-143:

--98. (New) The terminal of claim 23 further comprising:  
one or more additional hardware upgrades connected to the terminal.

99. (New) The terminal of claim 98 wherein the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades are connected in a daisy-chain arrangement.

100. (New) The terminal of claim 99 wherein each of the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades comprises a SCSI connector, and the daisy-chain arrangement is a SCSI daisy-chain arrangement.

101. (New) The terminal of claim 98 wherein the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades are capable of operating simultaneously.

102. (New) The terminal of claim 98 wherein at least one of the one or more additional hardware upgrades is an audio program reception hardware upgrade.

103. (New) The terminal of claim 98 wherein at least one of the one or more additional hardware upgrades is an interactive hardware upgrade that receives interactive subscriber input and produces interactive output.

104. (New) A cable television set top terminal comprising:  
a first hardware upgrade connected to the terminal; and  
one or more additional hardware upgrades connected to the terminal.

105. (New) The cable television set top terminal of claim 104 wherein the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades are connected in a daisy-chain arrangement.

106. (New) The cable television set top terminal of claim 105 wherein each of the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades comprises a SCSI connector, and the daisy-chain arrangement is a SCSI daisy-chain arrangement.

107. (New) The cable television set top terminal of claim 104 wherein the first hardware upgrade and the one or more additional hardware upgrades are capable of operating simultaneously.

108. (New) The cable television set top terminal of claim 104 wherein at least one of the first hardware upgrade or the one or more additional hardware upgrades is an audio program reception hardware upgrade.

109. (New) The cable television set top terminal of claim 104 wherein at least one of the first hardware upgrade or the one or more additional hardware upgrades is an interactive hardware upgrade that receives interactive subscriber input and produces interactive output.

110. (New) A system for delivery and reception of audio programs, the system comprising:  
a television program delivery system adapted to deliver programs including audio programs and HDTV audio/visual programs; and  
a terminal adapted to receive the programs from the television program delivery system, the terminal comprising:

- a receiver adapted to receive the programs including the audio programs;
- a subscriber interface adapted to receive subscriber inputs including subscriber audio program selections; and
- a hardware upgrade, connected to receive the subscriber selections and audio signals that represent the audio programs, the hardware upgrade comprising:
  - an interface to the terminal whereby the audio signals and subscriber selections may be received;
  - audio processing circuitry, connected to the interface, that processes the audio signals; and
  - an output, connected to the processing circuitry, that outputs a selected audio signal based on the subscriber selections.

111. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the television program delivery system is a cable television program delivery system.

112. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the cable television program delivery system further comprises an operations center, the operations center transmitting one or more of the programs to the terminal.

113. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the cable television program delivery system further comprises one or more headends, a particular one of the one or more headends transmitting one or more of the programs to the terminal.

114. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the television program delivery system is a direct satellite broadcast system.

115. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the television program delivery system comprises one or more fiber optic connections to the terminal.

116. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the television program delivery system comprises one or more telephone line connections to the terminal.

117. (New) The system of claim 110 wherein the terminal is a set top terminal.

118. (New) An apparatus capable of receiving audio/visual programs, including HDTV programs, and audio programs, an audio/visual program being represented by an audio signal accompanied by a corresponding video signal, and an audio program being represented an audio signal only, the apparatus comprising:

a receiver adapted to receive the programs including audio programs represented by digital audio signals;

a subscriber interface adapted to receive subscriber inputs including subscriber audio program selections;

audio processing circuitry connected to the receiver, that processes the audio signals; and

an output, connected to the processing circuitry, that outputs a selected audio signal based on the subscriber selections.

*119* *119* (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the audio processing circuitry comprises a tuner.

120. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the audio processing circuitry comprises a demodulator.

*121* *121* (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the audio processing circuitry comprises a demultiplexor to select the selected audio signal.

122. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the digital audio signals are encrypted and the audio processing circuitry comprises a decryptor.

*123* *123* (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the digital audio signals are compressed and the audio processing circuitry comprises a decompressor.

124. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the output is one or more connectors to one or more speakers.

125. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the output is one or more connectors to a stereo.

126. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 further comprising a microprocessor connected to the subscriber interface and processing circuitry.

127. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 further comprising a remote control unit, the remote control unit comprising inputs for entering the subscriber selections.

128. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 further comprising a display.

129. (New) The apparatus of claim 128 wherein the display comprises a channel identifier display that displays a channel identifier corresponding to a subscriber selection.

130. (New) The apparatus of claim 128 wherein the display comprises an LED device.

131. (New) The apparatus of claim 128 wherein the display comprises an LCD device.

132. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 further comprising a menu generator, whereby the subscriber selections comprise menu selections from one or more menus generated by the menu generator.

133. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the receiver is further adapted to receive one or more data signals that contain information about the audio programs.

134. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the selected audio signal is a stereo signal comprising left and right components.

135. (New) The apparatus of claim 118 wherein the apparatus is a set top terminal.

136. (New) The apparatus of claim 62 further comprising:  
a display.

137. (New) The apparatus of claim 136 wherein the display comprises a channel identifier display that displays a channel identifier corresponding to a subscriber selection.

138. (New) The apparatus of claim 136 wherein the display comprises an LED device.